

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Meera P. Narasimhan (40,252) on 9/9/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 2: line 5, delete "techniques as for example CIF, CCD, or VGA".

Claim 3: line 5, after "database" replace "may scan" with --for scanning--, delete "may be", line 6, delete "may be", line 7, delete "techniques as for example CIF, CCD or VGA", and line 8 replace "UVA" with --ultraviolet-- .

Claim 5: line 4, delete "action".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a pest control system. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "each detection unit comprises means for collecting data identifying the type of pest, and the collected data relating to pest activity and type of pest received at central system server, which treats collected data and generates an output either as an alarm or a log registration" and "a software modules incorporating self-learning in response to the generated data and generates predetermined responses in view of the incoming collected data" in combination with the

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manner claimed. The closest prior arts, Gardner, Jr. et al. [US 6,937,156], Shima [US 7,239,720] and Cooper et al. [US 6,885,299] teach similarly limitations, however, they fail to disclose the distinction limitations above. Therefore, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SON M. TANG whose telephone number is (571)272-2962. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/8.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on (571)272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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